

Wondering About A Just and Sustainable World?

Spring 2008 IAH and ISS Courses



IAH 206: Self, Society, and Technology,
Professor Joel Geffen, sections 007-012
Tues and Thurs 3:00p-4:50p as well as
Fri @ 9:10a, 10:20a, or 11:30a

Explorations in how technology affects and is affected by our conceptions of ourselves, our relations with others, and our ideals. Approaches and materials from philosophy, literature, art, music, and history as well as the natural sciences. Key questions in this class:

- ◇ What views of the relationship between humans and the natural world shape our choices of technologies?
- ◇ What is the role of the individual in creating or reducing prospects for a just and sustainable world?

ISS 310: People and the Environment
Professor Geoffrey Habron, section 010
Tues and Thurs 10:20a-12:10p

Contemporary issues related to the interaction of socio-cultural and ecological systems. Global, regional, national and local environmental problems and responses. In this class you will learn to:

- ◇ Identify and apply concepts of social equity, economic profitability, ecological integrity, civic participation, and aesthetics to sustainability issues
- ◇ Connect issues of sustainability to your personal and professional lives
- ◇ Integrate and synthesize multiple forms of information across social, economic, ecological, civics, and aesthetic domains

Participate in an Engagement Event:

Display your work along with community work possibly involving multimedia, film, art, games, posters, etc.

Several global initiatives such as the Earth Charter, the Talloires Declaration and the U.N. Decade of Education for Sustainable Development herald the global need to increase the education about and application of sustainability. The growing realization of global climate change and the search for how to address such change underscore a need for societal change. Sustainability is about wholeness and balance among a) social equity, b) economic profitability, c) ecological integrity, d) civic participation, and e) aesthetics in order to “meet the needs of the present without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs”. To optimize learning, you will engage in direct experiences that expose you to the social, economic, environmental, civic and aesthetic processes involved in sustainability.

Enrollment in both courses is required. To enroll send an email with your name, PID, and preferred IAH section number to cisah@msu.edu.

Why sign up?

- ◇ Course topics for both classes will be coordinated
- ◇ Will satisfy one half of the Integrative Studies requirements in the Social Sciences as well as the Arts and Humanities